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persons with certain exceptions, who  
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Revenue Fire Branch £2,381,456  
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**THE WAR.**  
TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.  
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

**THE WESTERN FRONT.**  
**SIR DOUGLAS HAIG'S REPORTS.**  
TEN ENEMY AEROPLANES  
BROUGHT DOWN.  
London, Dec. 20.  
12.45 a.m.  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig  
reports:—  
We drove off raiders to the south-  
east of Guenappe.  
The enemy raided two posts in the  
neighbourhood of Ayon.  
There was considerable hostile  
artillery activity at Ploegsteert Wood  
and Polygon Wood.  
**GOOD WORK BY AVIATORS.**  
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig,  
reporting on aviation, states:—  
The Australian air squadrons did  
good work on Monday.  
Two of their pilots were attacked  
by many scouts, one of which was  
brought down and the remainder  
dispersed.  
Our aeroplanes, yesterday, dropped  
150 bombs on railway stations and  
trenches. There was intense air  
fighting throughout the day, greatly  
to our favour. We brought down  
nine machines and drove down three.  
Three of ours are missing.  
Last night, we bombed St. Denis  
Western, Roulers and Lichtervelde  
aerodromes and Thourout, Ledeghem,  
Cambrai and Meinen railway  
stations. All our machines returned.  
**NAVAL AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY.**  
London, Dec. 20.  
The Admiralty announces that  
naval aircraft dropped large quanti-  
ties of explosives on Bruges works  
at Bruges, on Tuesday night. Direct  
hits and a large fire were observed.  
They also bombed Vlissingen aerodrome,  
yesterday morning, securing  
direct hits.  
We destroyed one machine and  
drove down another. One of ours  
is missing.  
**SNOW MAKES BIG OPERATIONS  
ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE.**  
London, Dec. 20.  
Reuter's Correspondent at Head-  
quarters says that the deep and  
frozen snow is rendering transport  
most difficult and big operations have  
become almost impossible, but the  
enemy is displaying considerable  
activity and a good deal of move-  
ment is progressing behind the  
German lines, under suspicious cir-  
cumstances, based upon past experi-  
ence, as the enemy has been using  
the Red Cross flag freely.  
A recent spirited attack, to the  
south of Polderhoek Chateau, only  
met with success owing to our men  
having used up all their available  
grenades.  
Referring to the much bruited  
reports of the arrival of a number of  
fresh enemy Divisions in Belgium  
from the Eastern Front, the Cor-  
respondent arrives at the conclusion  
that a liberal estimate, the trench  
strength of each of such Divisions  
does not exceed 8,500 infantrymen of  
all ranks.  
**THE FRENCH FRONT.**  
London, Dec. 19.  
A French communiqué states:  
The enemy artillery bombarded  
during the night the front line to  
the south of Juvin-court, Argonne and  
Four-de-Paix. Our guns vigorously  
replied.  
Repeated attempts to reach our  
positions at Four-de-Paix, were  
repulsed.  
The enemy dropped 50 bombs on  
Buzard during the night of the 18th.  
There were no casualties.

**AFAIRS IN RUSSIA.**  
**RUSSIA TO RELEASE PRISONERS  
OF WAR FROM COMPULSORY  
LABOUR.**  
London, Dec. 20.  
Reuter's Correspondent at Petro-  
grad, telegraphing yesterday, states  
that M. Trotsky has signed the  
order for releasing the Austrian and  
German prisoners of war, in the  
Borovitch district of the Govern-  
ment of Novgorod, from compulsory  
labour and placing them on an  
equality with free workmen, as  
regards wages, etc., with the option  
of working on agriculture in Kher-  
son.  
The Government will receive their  
travelling passes.  
M. Trotsky has instructed the  
Russian Delegation at Brest-Litovsk  
to propose to the Austrians, Ger-  
mans, Turks and Bulgarians that  
they should deal similarly with their  
civilian prisoners.  
**ADMIRALS ABOLISHED.**  
An order has been issued for the  
handing over of the administration  
of the Fleet to the Central Com-  
mittee, abolishing Admirals and  
replacing the Staffs by elected or-  
ganisations. The Central Com-  
mittee will appoint Boards to direct  
naval operations.  
**GENERAL KALEDIN PROPOSES  
CESSATION OF CIVIL WAR.**  
London, Dec. 20.  
Reuter's Correspondent at Petro-  
grad, telegraphing yesterday, states  
that the Evening Post-Boston Cor-  
respondent, telegraphed on Decem-  
ber 17 that the Don and Kuban  
Cossacks have finally occupied the  
town and the Maximalist infantry is  
joining the Cossacks, while the Red  
Guards have laid down their arms  
and surrendered.  
General Kaledin has communicated  
with the Smolny Institute at Petro-  
grad, which is the Bolshevik Head-  
quarters, proposing a cessation of the  
civil war. He stipulates that the  
Maximalists shall not interfere with  
the affairs of the Don Cossacks and  
insists upon the immediate formation  
of a national government.  
A dispatch from Kiev reports that  
a strong Maximalist force is march-  
ing on Kiev.  
**AN ULTIMATUM TO UKRAINE.**  
Petrograd, Dec. 17.  
The People's Commissioners, on  
behalf of the various Soviets, have  
issued a statement recognising the  
right of the Ukraine Republic to  
separate from Russia, but demand-  
ing that the Ukraine-Rada of Parlia-  
ment shall cease moving troops to-  
wards Don, Ural and elsewhere, and  
shall cease disarming the Soviet Red  
Guards. Failing a satisfactory reply  
within 48 hours the Rada will be  
considered to be in a state of war  
against the Soviets.  
**RUSSIA AND HER FINANCIAL  
OBLIGATIONS.**  
NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION  
OF REPUDIATION.  
London, Dec. 21.  
In the House of Commons, Lord  
Robert Cecil stated that he had no  
official information that Russia had  
repudiated her financial obligations.  
**JAPAN AND VLADIVOSTOK.**  
London, Dec. 21.  
In the House of Commons  
questions time, Lord Robert  
stated that as far as the Gov-  
ernment was aware, Japan had  
not repudiated her financial obligations.



## INTIMATIONS



NOTICE.

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED that in accordance with REGULATIONS published under Government Notice No. 514 of 23rd November 1917, commencing from 1st January next, all PRIVATE RICKSHAS have to be LICENSED at an Annual License Fee of \$10, payable in advance.

Ricksha-drivers have to be Licensed at a Fee of 30 cents half-yearly.

C. McI. MESSER,  
Captain Superintendent of Police.  
Hongkong, Dec. 17, 1917. 2399

## HONGKONG HOTEL

## TEA DANCES.

THE MANAGEMENT beg to announce that in future the CHARGE FOR TEA INCLUDING THE PRIVILEGE OF DANCING will be \$1 per head; 25% of which sum will be donated by the Hotel Company to War Charities.

J. H. TAGGART,  
Manager.

Hongkong, Dec. 19, 1917. 2404

## THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

BEFORE PURCHASING ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES for use in connection with the Company's supply, Consumers are recommended to communicate with the Undersigned with a view to ascertaining:—

1. If the Appliances, and their use, are in accordance with the Company's Regulations.
2. If the Wiring of the premises where it is intended to install such Appliances is suitable.

It is important that the foregoing information should be obtained from the Company, as not only does the neglect to do so endanger property by fire but in addition may lead to a contravention of the Ordinances.

GIBA LIVINGSTON & CO.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, Dec. 15, 1917. 2396

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATION ACT 1908.

In the Matter of NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED.

## (In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Seventh and Final return of Capital and Dividend at the rate of Forty Cents (Hongkong Currency) per share will be paid on and after SATURDAY, the 22nd day of DECEMBER, 1917, at Noon, to registered holders of A and B Shares upon Application to:—

In the case of Shares on the London Register:—

Messrs. LOWE,  
BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Thornes Chambers,  
Ingram Court,  
187, Fenchurch Street, LONDON, E.C.

In the case of Shares on the Colonial (Hongkong) Register:—

Messrs. LOWE,  
BINGHAM & MATTHEWS,  
Chartered Bank Building,  
3 Queen's Road, Central,  
Hongkong.

Share Certificates must be produced for endorsement.

A. R. LOWE,  
Liquidator.

Hongkong, Nov. 8, 1917. 2273

In the Matter of THE COMPANIES CONSOLIDATION ACT, 1908

AND

In the Matter of THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA LIMITED.

## (In Liquidation).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Final General Meeting of the Above-named Company will be held at the office of the Liquidator, Chartered Bank Building, 3 Queen's Road, Central, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong on SATURDAY, 22nd December, 1917, at Noon, precisely, for the purpose of having the account of the Liquidator, showing the manner in which the winding-up has been conducted and the proposed disposal of the Company disposed of, laid before each meeting, and of hearing any explanations that may be given by the Liquidator, and to pass the following Extraordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That the Books, Accounts, and Documents of the Company and of the Liquidator thereof be retained by the Liquidator, he undertaking to destroy the same at the expiration of five years from the Dissolution of the Company."

A. R. LOWE,  
Liquidator.

Hongkong, Nov. 8, 1917. 2278

## LESSONS IN CHINESE

MR. LI SHUN YAN, a Chinese graduate turned in literature, has been a teacher to European students in the Chinese language for many years. He has a good method of teaching Europeans to learn the Chinese language, and he possesses a large collection of Chinese books. He also has a good knowledge of Mandarin and Cantonese. Those who are interested in learning Chinese are requested to write to a Chinese Mail Office at No. 12, Wellington Street, First Floor.

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## THE NEW FRENCH REMEDY

THERAPY NO. 1

THERAPY NO. 2

THERAPY NO. 3

THERAPY NO. 4

THERAPY NO. 5

THERAPY NO. 6

THERAPY NO. 7

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## XMAS

If you are in doubt what to buy him for Xmas nothing would be more acceptable than a good smoke:—

## GOLOFINA PERFECTOS

Last Word in CIGARS

**SPECIALS** The best EGYPTIAN Cigarettes  
**FELUCCA** obtainable.

**EMBASSY** The premier VIRGINIA Cigarette.

To be obtained from all STORES.

This advertisement is issued by British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.

## THE WAR SERVICES OF THE JAPANESE FLEET.

The Duke of Buccleuch, president of the Navy League, entertained representatives of the Allied Powers and of the Overseas Dominions at luncheon at the Ritz Hotel recently, in commemoration of Nelson and his comrades and in honour of the British Fleet and the Fleets of the Allies.

The following telegram was sent to the King:—

"Guests assembled at Navy League luncheon at Ritz Hotel, Piccadilly, in commemoration of the memory of Nelson and to do honour to the British Fleet and the Fleets of our Allies, humbly and sincerely congratulate your Majesty on the magnificent achievements of the officers and men of the Navy since the beginning of the present conflict, and earnestly hope that our great cause will be crowned by early victory.—Buccleuch, President of the Navy League."

The Chairman gave the toast of "His Majesty, our Sailor King." Then Lord Beresford said:—I have the honour to propose "The Glorious and Immortal Memory of Nelson and his Comrades."

This toast was drunk in silence.

Sir Edward Carson wrote:—

"Dear Duke of Buccleuch, I greatly regret that I am unable to be present at the Navy League luncheon in commemoration of the Battle of Trafalgar. The effect of that great victory was to keep the freedom of the seas for all nations of the world inviolate for more than 100 years, and it is fitting that we should meet together to celebrate that great day at a time when the merchant fleets of the whole world are assailed by the ruthless and savage piracy of our enemies. I would ask every citizen of the Empire to be ever mindful of the perils and privations which our sailors are enduring, day and night, with silent and unflinching determination. Under God's guidance, the British Navy will triumph over the cunning and subtleties of our foes, and liberty will be assured." (Cheers.)

The Lord Chamberlain, in the course of his speech, said that we were accustomed to look back to the Napoleonic War as a war of gods and giants. What our Navy did for us in those days, they all knew, and the same work was being done for us by the Navy in the present still greater struggle. It was to the Navy that we owed the fact that our Allies were able to fight with such freedom and security.

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## SLUMP IN BANKRUPTCY.

What is the explanation of the "very marked decline" in bankruptcies during the war?

A cynic remarked to me this morning that the sort of people who go bankrupt in an amateur sort of way have too much difficulty in getting credit, while the professional bankrupt is doing too well in other ways to need a "smash."

The old rhyme about "two bankruptcies and a fire and the tradesman may retire" is obsolete in these profiteering days.—Evening Standard.

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A. H. HARRIS,

Commissioner of Chinese Customs, York Buildings, Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1917. 2406

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IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1913, the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the transaction of Foreign Business on MONDAY, TUESDAY and WEDNESDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th instant.

Hongkong, Dec. 20, 1917. 2407

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## LONDON LETTER

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

London, October 23.

### THE HUNTER'S MOON AND THE ZEPPELIN RAID.

After the lively nights of the Harvest moon, when Hun aeroplanes paid us uninvited nocturnal visits, we naturally looked forward with interest to the coming of the Hunter's moon. As I write, it is approaching its full, but so far the Germans have less reason to be satisfied with it than we have. A gallant array of Zeppelins they sent over on Friday night, just after the pale sickle of the young moon had vanished. The night was black as ink, calm and rainless, with stars twinkling in the dim firmament.

Then the telephones rang about half-past eight to warn us that the marauders were crossing the east coast, and while one party of five or six was making London-ward another party was making for the Midlands. After that things grew curiouser and curiouser. We heard of explosions on the Lincolnshire coast and then in Hertfordshire, and then for a couple of hours there was silence, broken suddenly by a terrific explosion in the London area, at a place well-known to every man who has ever been in London. Last I give aid and encouragement to the King's enemies I shall not disclose the place, but I may add that though it made a shocking mess of the glass in the neighbourhood, it failed to do anything likely to help the Germans to win the war.

So sudden was this explosion that most of us were incredulous. No guns were fired—because, it transpired, our aircraft were up giving chase—and no sound was heard from the high heavens. As a cabman suffered said, "It was as quiet as four o'clock in the morning, and then suddenly this thing came whistling down, with a trail of blue light. It lit up the street with blue flames and emitted a mass of blue fumes. I felt as if I was being hammered on the ground."

Many people who were on their way home from the theatre had narrow escapes; and a few were victims. One man told me he was standing about 150 yards away when the explosion occurred. He heard something fall at his feet and on looking down found it was a human foot in a boot. A lady talking to a friend some distance away suddenly said "I am hit," and examination showed that her thigh was cut to the bone.

Shortly afterwards there were three explosions in the south-eastern outskirts, and after that silence until next day. Then came the news that made the most phlegmatic rush across the street to buy papers, for the newspapers were calling that four or five of the Zepps had been brought down in France on their way home, and four others were hemmed in and were limping about in the South of France.

What happened was that they were headed off by our defences and then a gale and a fog, in streaks, put them out of their course. Their engines froze, and when they thought they were over Holland they were really over France. The invaders of England were routed by the elements, even as in the days of the Spanish Armada. It was a black week-end for Germany, and there is less talk to-day of "our good old German God," who has been familiarly claimed as being in alliance with the Kaiser.

The London citizens who have been doing duty as special constables during raids have come into prominence for the excellence of their work. They have done a trying, often boring duty with coolness and good humour. It is said that some of them have been so much impressed by the cries they give utterance to during these crises that one overtook "special" who went into a restaurant on the following evening, on being asked whether he would take thick or clear soup, absent-mindedly replied "All clear!"

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## A MODERN GRACE DARLING.

South Devon is very proud of a fisher lassie, Ella Trout, aged 19, who lives at a remote place near Start Point. Her case has just been brought to the notice of the House of Commons by Colonel Mildmay. After the war started and fishing restrictions became onerous, the family income in her fishing home was reduced, and her father died, so she decided to augment the household purse by taking to the sea herself. She was out fishing in Start Bay one afternoon with her little brother as sole companion in the boat when she saw in the distance a vessel torpedoed by Hun submarines. The crew attempted to get away, but their boat was swamped and they were thrown into the water. Heavy seas were running, but the Devon girl never hesitated for a moment. Discarding her gear, she put her boat's nose to the storm and rowed with might and main. Some of the crew had gone under by the time she reached the spot, but the others she hauled aboard and then, single-handed, she pulled triumphantly to the shore. To-day renown has fallen upon Ella Trout, the humble fisher girl of the Devon coast, and she is on a fair way to be decorated at Buckingham Palace by the King himself.

### REPRISALS.

The Bishops of Oxford and Ely are being castigated by their own churchmen for declining against reprisals being carried out against the Huns. Newspaper offices have been bombarded with letters from rectories and vicarages, disclaiming such milk-and-water views. Gradually a knowledge of the Prussian temperament has come upon our clerics and they now admit that only by force can the Hun be impressed. Even bishops, like those of Birmingham and Peterborough, are for leaving warfare to the soldiers and sticking to theology for the clerics.

If that is done, all will be well, for the soldiers are absolutely unanimous that the Germans must be "given Hell," as Mr. Lloyd George has promised. Equally decisive have been the declarations of Mr. Bonar Law and General Smuts. It would not be surprising to find the new Air Ministry filled by General Smuts or Mr. Winston Churchill, though the latter has hardly had time to warm his chair at the Ministry of Munitions. General Smuts has been the greatest success of the war, both as soldier and speaker. He has a suave manner, a directness of speech coupled with a singularly attractive voice, and I can imagine him as a very dangerous opponent at a conference table. The other day, when he spoke at the Connaught Rooms, the chairman, Sir Algernon Firth, laid the praise of the guest on with a trowel, and Smuts looked distinctly uncomfortable, for he is a modest man. When Sir Algernon said that if nobody else could beat the Germans, their distinguished guest could, General Smuts leaned back and laughed loud and long. The chairman then looked uncomfortable and passed on to other topics.

There was a great war aims meeting at the Albert Hall this week at which Smuts and Churchill were both present. Smuts was a speaker and was one of the long first row of those chosen to express the views of the Government. Churchill was not a speaker and was a second row man, two facts that apparently pleased him somewhat, for he gradually edged his chair forward until it was almost even with the first row. After that he showed all the symptoms of boredom, as he listened to other men speaking, and when General Smuts spoke, he got up and went out. Rather instructive as to the Churchill outlook, I think.

But whoever is at the helm, reprisals must come soon or the country will be definitely angry. Nobody wants German women and children to suffer, but every German town is a war centre and we cannot afford to let the Hun snarl out towns and turn to him the other cheek to be smitten. We demand hundreds of machines raiding a wide radius of German territory every day, and then we are convinced the German phlegm will not stand the strain.

### IRELAND.

Ireland once more is in the limelight, as ever with a mysterious grievance. The Sinn Féiners, beyond any doubt supplied with German money and German arms, have incited the people of the south-west particularly, to drill and prepare for a rebellion, and "England is the enemy and Germany the liberator. Many priests and Sinn Féiners, including one De Valera, have this corruption, wickedness and blood-guiltiness on their souls, but their plotting is in vain, except that many misguided Irishmen may suffer for their intrigues are known." So far have they poisoned the minds of the people that many simple fishermen on the west coast are convinced that when their fishing vessels have gone down they have been torpedoed by the British, not the German, submarines.

And many tell me they do not mean less than Sinn Féiners, after all, they are only simple fishermen, and they are not to be taken in by the Sinn Féiners' propaganda.

they do want to smash the Convention that may settle the Home Rule question. That would not suit the intriguing priests, so for the purpose of keeping the people in mental and moral turmoil they are prepared to sacrifice the interests of the nation. It is a sorry picture, and may have black, or even bloody, pages in the near future, but the movement is doomed.

Of what unsubstantial and illogical stuff these Sinn Féin dreams are made, may be judged from this. My Irish friend asked some of them what arrangements they had made for commissariat and lines of communications in the event of a rebellion. They had no clear ideas on that. "But what measures will you take," he asked, "to protect your coasts, if you establish your republic?" "Oh," said the spokesman, promptly, "We shall leave that to the British Navy."

### OUR FOREIGN TRADE.

#### AN INCIDENT FROM CHINA.

In a communication to a London morning contemporary concerning British foreign trade, Mr. J. E. Bingham writes:—

A few comments from one who has spent the last fifteen years in more than usually intimate relations with foreign trade in the Far East may be of some interest to those of your readers who, like myself, watch with grave concern the apparently feeble efforts of our Government to prepare for the bitter economic struggle which must inevitably follow the end of the war. Until the outbreak of war, and the coming into force of "Trading with the Enemy" Regulations, the Consular officials and the commercial community had nothing in common. Since the war things have been immensely improved, which goes to show that the fault does not lie with our Consular officials, who, given the opportunity, have shown a resource, energy, and capacity for sustained effort which has surprised everybody, excepting those who knew how they had been shackled. The fault lay with antiquated traditions laid down for them by the Foreign Office, any departure from which meant a reprimand. Here is an instance of the red tape that binds the service. A merchant approached an out-port consul regarding a matter of business connected with metals, which was practically controlled by Germans, asking consular assistance with a group of Chinese in which a mining concession was involved. The consul was unable to do as requested without referring the matter to his Consul-General, and this he did. The Consul-General referred the matter to the Minister in Peking, who in turn referred it to the Foreign Office. After many months, a reply was received which for vagueness would have been hard to beat. Long before the reply was received the Germans had got the business. Their people being trusted, and having authority, did the necessary on the spot. The fact of the matter is that British trade abroad requires, and its importance justifies, a special department staffed and controlled by trained commercial men on similar lines to the magnificent service supplied by the German Government, which enabled German merchants to exploit the Far East in a way quite impossible to the British merchant. The China Association was created to assist trade as far as possible, and they have done yeoman service. Why not invite their opinion?

## INTIMATIONS



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THURSDAY, 27th instant.—  
3.30 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Parade.

FRIDAY, 28th instant.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Parade.

THURSDAY, 3rd January 1918.—  
8.15 p.m. Left Half Company. Full Parade.

FRIDAY, 4th January 1918.—  
7.30 a.m. Right Half Company. Full Parade.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell.

21st to 25th instant.

E. L. Manning, night duty at Belchers and Lyceum. Parades as per Rosters posted at Headquarters.

Engine drivers at 5.30 p.m. Electricians at 5.45 p.m. Officers' Mess for duty.

Belchers, 2nd Lieut. Brown. Lyceum, 2nd Lieut. Hill. Broccifiers, Lieut. Hall.

Lieut. J. Hall, having returned to the Colony, has resumed duty at stonecutters.

PARADES FOR INSTRUCTION.

No classes will be held during the fortnight ending 31st January, 1918.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Beard.

PARADES.

There will be no parades on Monday and Wednesday the 4th and 5th inst.

CAMP.

SATURDAY, 29th instant.

Nos. 1 and 2 Sections will parade at Headquarters at 10 a.m.

Nos. 3 and 4 Sections will parade at Kowloon Station at 10.30 a.m.

All orders to be brought well before the above-mentioned times so that arrangements can be made to convey it to town.

Camp beds may be brought by any boy if he likes.

Members are reminded that they must themselves be liable to be struck off the strength should they absent themselves from camp without first obtaining exemption from the Commanding Officer.

Leave will be granted only on a doctor's certificate or in very exceptional cases.

G. M. STEWART, Captain.

Adjutant, Hongkong Defence Corps, Hongkong, 20th, December, 1917.

SEBASTIAN'S MESS.

The quarterly meeting of the members of the Sebastian's Mess will be held in the Mess Room at 5.45 p.m. on Wednesday, 2nd January, 1918.

Every member not on duty to attend.

## EXCHANGE.

Hongkong, December 21, 1917.

Bank Wire ... 2/11 1/2

On demand ... 2/11 1/2

30 days sight ... 2/11 1/2

4 months sight ... 2/11 1/2

Credit, 4 months sight ... 2/11 1/2

Documentary, 4 months sight ... 2/11 1/2

On Paris ... 409 1/2

On demand ... 409 1/2

Credit, 30 days sight ... 409 1/2

On New York ... 71 1/2

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On Bombay ... 127 1/2

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On Calcutta ... 143 1/2

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On Singapore ... 157 1/2

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On Yokohama ... 143 1/2

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Gold Loan 100 (per ton) ... 177 1/2

Silver (per oz.) ... 42 1/2

Bar Silver in Hongkong ... 242 1/2 p. nom.

Chinese Copper Cash ... 1 1/2 p. nom.

Chinese Copper Coins ... 1 1/2 p. nom.

Chinese Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 p. nom.

Hongkong Sub. Coin ... 1 1/2 p. nom.

## HONGKONG TIDES.

The tide-table given below has been compiled at the National Altimetric Office in London from the results of the analysis of observations taken by means of an automatic tide-recording machine in the water Police Basin at Tsim Sha Tsui during the years 1915-1916.

The zero of the table corresponds with the zero of the sounding in the Admiralty Chart, which has been found to be about 3 inches below mean sea level.

To obtain the depth of water on the tide-gauge at the Victoria Naval Dock, add 1 foot 6 inches to the height given in the table.

December 21st to 24th, 1917.

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